Committee Reports Read at Annual Meeting of Organization Show Unexampled Prosperity in All Branches of City's Trade and Commerce-Predictions of Greater Success for 1905.

Prosperity in all its branches of trade | • • • • • • commerce in St. Louis were reflected in a marked degree in the committee reports read before the annual meeting of the Business Men's League, at the Mercantile Club, last night.

For the most part, these reports were brief and concise. They told, in few words, what had been done by the various committees and outlined by statistics and description the progress made in the departments covered by them.

Nearly all agreed that 1904 was the greatest year commercially in the hietory of St. Louis-even aside from the World's Fair. Predictions were made that 1906 would exceed its predecessor in producing a great amount of commerce and prosperity.

The part played by the league in the year's prosperity was clearly brought out and defined. Suggestions were made for work to be accomplished during the next twelve months. The consensus of opinion was that effort should be exerted in all lines which will advance the interests of commercial St. Louis.

The meeting was one of the largest and nost successful in the history of the league. Over 30 per cent of the entire membership was present, and everyone appeared to enter heartily into the spirit of the gathering.

All previous records in the matter of the admission of new members were broken. Beventy-nine names, representing many of the leading business concerns of the city, were voted upon and unanimously elected to memoership

The meeting proper was preceded by a delightful dinner. There was a short recess between this and the first item in the order of business, which was the nominations for membership. The election of offloers for 1905 was next in order.

Former Governor D. R. Francis placed in nomination for president Cyrus P. Walbridge, who has filled that office for many years past. His election was made unantmous by a motion to take the vote of the

secretary upon it. The same procedure was followed in the re-election of James E. Smith, first vice president; C. H. Spencer, second vice president; O. I. Whitelaw, fourth vice president, and W. K. Kavanaugh, fifth vice

The only change was in the election of Otto L. Telchmann to the office of third ; vice president to succeed H. H. Wernse. It is the custom of the league to elect the president of the Merchants' Exchange its who was recently elected president of the

Ballots were taken for members of the Executive Committee, the result of which will not be known until to-day.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT. The report of the Executive Committee, which outlined the work done by that body during the World's Fair year, was read by W. F. Saunders, secretary and general manager of the league. In part. t was as follows:

The Business Men's League to so chosely in the commercial life of the city that the prospectly of all business affairs is ting of the important year of 1965, and year Executive Committee is happy that it is able !

as thrives secret of regulation making to the whole secret of regulation making to ere. If the Business Men's League will work uring 190 as it has in the rase to make St axis a better home city and a better manu-ciuring city and to enlarge the distributing

LABOR SITUATION IMPROVED these on even terms with respect to cost of od the completion of the most beit of

CONVENTION HALL.



CYRUS P. WALBRIDGE, Who was re-elected president of the Business Men's League.

lieve earnestly that by doing these things for the commercial city and for the city heauting the growth of St. Louis will be stimulated so that the right kind of population will be induced to come here, build homes, set the wheris of more facustes turning, establish more business houses and employ more people. The Executive Committee does not mean, at the close of his term of differ, to discharge responsibilities upon others carelessly, but each of its members pledies his sentest and individual work as a member of the league toward the execution of the policy re-immediated.

The ASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S REPORT. The report of Walker Hill, treasurer of the league, which was read by himself. was short but eminently satisfactory. It was as fellows:

Balance on hand January 2, 1996 \$2,247.57 RECEIPTS. Membership dues Refunds Refund St. Louis Day fund... Souvenir postals EXPENDITURES.

Warrants paid, signed by president and secretary \$29,062.09 third vice president. This practice was Balance on hand in American Ex-carried out in the case of Mr. Teichmann, Chapter None. 199,943.2 COMMERCE AND MANUFACTURING Edward Lievoy, chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Manufacturing.

presented the report of his committee, as

our Committee on Commerce and Manutac-tag, to be interesting and informing must as rather of the general trade conditions of Lone than of its own west-teen at know that, aside from the worderful section, the year of a way a flat one for lines. The freight tonings of the Terminal clation libraries induce than 25 per cent it the tonians of 1901. The wholesale busi-tripescal by the ancest jobing house grow at than 19 per cent over last year's business. that insurance conditions in this State are very far from satisfactory, and are, indeed, pertions throw more than 10 per cent over last year a business. In Pebruary, 1904, occurred what has now large cities, increasing in many illust in proceedings of the conditions in the Pebruary, 1904, occurred what has now per cent over the volume of 1905 and in some 29 jet cent. The distributing territory of the city was developed and enlarge by nearly 1,909 miles of new railway more than 40 per cent of the white amount of new railway building in the United States.

The new caused to marked to marked to the past year is reliably estimated in round figures. before the states.

The new capital invested in mercantile business the state with the World's Pair year with mess in St. Leuis, in establishing new concerns at the tested, yet all its number for great \$1.70.00. erstanding that its resources were go at the total part of the part of the part of the part of the part of and has been sounced and imitated by the work of the leature in 182. The appropriates of other cities of part of the part of th

reaus did extra retinary work in opportunity its teach the central properturity is teach the central properturity in this would rest thinking and taking about the commercial alvantages of the commercial alvantages of and its output has grown. Your committee work is fair was being held, presents the following striking figures as the commercial the growth of this interest taken accurate the growth of this interest taken accurate the growth of this interest taken accurate.

s financial stability, or the World's Fair
Forcause in other cities where weeks is have been held there have been follow these spent expositions, periods of financial resion and business sterration. St. Logis he watched for like things, but they will come.

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The recommendations of the Executive Computers of the Executive Computer of this point are and and searching The cits will give fast in population if its business from in the Executive Computer of the Executive Computer of the Computer of the Executive Office of the Executive Office of the Executive of the Executive Office of

Commissioners and merchants from the Philippina Islands
A dinner was given to the Convention of
General Passencer Agents and to the Convention of American Press Humorists.
A farewell banquet was tendered at the
close of the Pair to the freeign Commissioners
General, the National Commission and the
executive officers of the State and Territorial
commissions.
The commercial resources and advantages of
St. Leuis in these various entertainments were
attractively presented to our visities, and
pumphiets containing detailed information respecting the city's business and manufacturing interests were pentifully distributed.
PROGRAMME COMMITTIEE

Committee on Programme, submitted the following report: Committee on Programme, submitted the following report:
Your Chamilton on Programme has arranged so far for one of the quarterly membership meetings during the year of 19%, to be held in the evening of Tuestay, March 14, its special object being to discuss the extension of the foreign trade of St. Lugis. A talk will be made, with commercial Historianisms, by Lieutemant clothery L. Garden, who lately spent two years alread studying the foreign markets and their institution to American products, and the opportunity of St. Louis will be described by Doctor John Francisco Cowell, the internal commerce expert of the Department of Commerce and Labor this discussion will be closed with an address by a well-findmed St. Louis merchant, who has not we been chosen.

It is recommended that the third and fourth quarterly meetings be held on Tuesday May 3, and Tuesday, October 14, the subjects for discussion to be subsequently amounced by the new Committee on Frogramme, Special membership meetings for the discussion of public matters of commercial importance are to be called when necessary.

Committee on Real Estate and Taxation read the following report on behalf of

Your Committee:
Your Committee on Real Estate and Taxation reports that St. Louis real estate is now selling at a better value and returning a larger rental returne to investors than ever before in the history of the city. The city's rapid growth in population has created a demand for all classes of property to such an extent that rents are now maintained at a hister value than before the World's Fair revied.

extent that rents are now maintenance hisher value than before the World's Fair period.

The time has come when legislation should be enacted which will reduce the fixed charges on real estate by holding down direct taxat on and reducing water rates to the lowest possible minimum. Public improvements in large cities are built for all time to come; therefore, they should not be paid for by direct taxation, but a plan should be adopted whereby the future copulation of St. Louis, which will share induced by the present population in the identity of public improvements, will share in having the expense of such improvements.

Regarding taxes, your committee would call treation to the following facts: Regarding taxes, your committee would can attention to the following facts:
In 1986 the tax value placed upon real estate and personal property in St. Louis was 1981.298.294 of which \$125.279.690 was on real estate and \$45.685.99 was on personal property. In 1994 the tax value was \$45.815.690 of which \$43.195.879 was real estate and \$45.695.679 was retwend. increase in tax valuation of property for 1994 ter 1802 was \$174.502.816.

over 1802 was \$14.657.816.
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Increase in tax revenue of 1804 over that of 1804 legs \$4.60.202.
Estimating \$4.60.202.
Estimating the population of \$1. Louis at 180.800 in 1804 the tax per capita would amount to \$10.80.

to mean.

Estimating the population of St. Louis at 100,000 in 1984 the tax per capita would amount to \$14.37.

Showing an increase per capita for 1994 ever that of 1984 of \$1.53. Showing an increase yet committee that the first of \$2.55. It is the opinion of your committee that the people of St. Louis about make every effort possible to prevent any further increase in direct taxation. The way to do this without restricting necessary improvements is by bond is

WATER RATES DISCUSSED.

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The water rates in a city are properly contidered by investors as a fixed charge on r algebraic therefore, it is important that the water rates of St. Louis should be reduced to a basis in keeping with other large cities in the continuty. New York, with a population of 4,660,0 has a water rate of S cents, while St. Louis with a population of 750,000, has a water rate of S cents, while St. Louis with a population of 750,000, has a water rate of S cents, while St. Louis with a population of 750,000, has a water rate of E cents per thousand gallers.

The Business Men's League should being cloud to the second state of the second scale being continuously and the second second facilities to check these maintained rate and also to seeme for St. Louis a fee bridg. Of the rainroad mateage built in 1914 69 per cent was built in territory tributary to St. Louis showing that the rainroads which more than any other corporations, anticipate the development and demands of a new country, as to-day recognizing the fact that St. Louis is

this city. Your committee believe that if the legislation berein suggested with respect to the bonded told of the city and inducement to manufacturers can be enacted it will do more han anything to cause the dissolution of our "Million Population Club" at an early date, as is purpose will soon have been accomplished. INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

H. M. Blossom, chairman of the Com mittee on Insurance, presented the following report:

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The year 1994 was one of unusual advantage
to insurers in this city and in the State at
large. There was an increase-especially outside of the city- in premium rates. There was
a notable reduction of the preventage of loss.
The insurance premiums of this city in 1994
are estimated at about \$1,00,000, and the losses
at about \$1,00,000.

Included in the estimate of premium receipts
for 1994 are the insurance of the World's Fair,
amounting probably to about three-quarters of
a million, upon which, as to the main features
of the Exposition, there was not a cent of lose.
This immunity was due to the capable forthought, the initiative plans and methods for
wa'er distribution, for provision against inciptent fires, for fire extinguishment and for
the enforcement of agreements in accordance
therewith, of the association whose operations
spaces without ostentation or advertisement,
sitently but effectually, which, at the World's
Fair maintained a minute victione, a perslatent purpose and which is known to you
as the St. Louis Fire Prevention Rureau.

In the last annual report of your committee
the action of the league in endeavoring to secute a change of certain choorious laws relating to insurance, which was only partially
successful, was announced. The demand for
further effort in this direction is as afrenium
as before. This committee would be unfaithful
to its day if it did not again utter a warning
that insurance conditions in this State are very
fair from satisfactory, and are, indeed, pertious
to all large business interests.

MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION. The report of the Committee on State and Municipal Legislation, which was presented by its chairman, T. S. McPhee ters, was as follows:

ters, was as follows:

The Committee on State and Municipal Legislation had before it only one matter of serious moment, and this was simply to join with others in requesting the flouse of Delegates to pass or defeat a garriage measure that had been presented to it.

In our judgment there is no more important question before the city government than the final settlement as to the handling of the city's garriage, and we believe that the incoming committee should give attention to this important subject, upon which the health of the city is so dependent.

NATIONAL LEGISLATION

NATIONAL LEGISLATION. Ben Schnurmacher, chairman of th Committee on National Legislation, presented the following report:

"In the interest of universal peace, and, so far as is possible, to avoid the horrors of war, the Ersidees Men's I came of St. Louis gives and extends its unqualified informment and support to the efforts now being made to secure the ratification of arbitration treaties between the United States and other nations. This league is of the opinion that all international controversies and differences not repairs of diplomate settlement should be gnd can be, settled by methods of arbitration. "The sectionly is instructed to send copies bereaf to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the two Senators from the State of Missouri."

MEMPLIERSHIP COMMITTEE!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE W. J. Kinsella, chairman of the Com mittee on Membership, presented the following report:

John E. Pilcher, chairman of the Finance Committee, read the following

rinance Committee, read the following report:

The report of the treasurer shows you that the league has a balance of \$80.04.2. While the organization is not maintained for the purpose of making money, but to spend it in effectively promoting the commercial intervase of St. Louis, yet your Pinance Committee knows that every member of the leasue will feel well satisfied to be assured that the money is judiciously expended.

Of this balance of \$30.04.2. \$30.00 is now on. profess that the money is judiciously exprofess this balance of \$30.04.2, \$30.00 is now on
time deposit drawing interest as a reserve fund.
Undoubtelly this reserve will be added to at
the close of the present year.
The lease on the present rooms occupied by
the league expires on March 1, and your committee respectfully recommend that this luse
he renewed for three years at the present restal, if the Mercantile Club, which owns the
building, will assent. PUBLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT.

G. B. Smith ,chairman of the Committee

on Publication, presented the following

kind be continued and done even more compre-hensively during 1995 by the preparation of booklets to be distributed generally, printed and versured as as to be a handy manual of St. Louis and its commercial advantages. MAYOR DISMISSES RIVER IMPROVEMENT. W. K. Kavanaugh, chairman of the River Improvement Committee, reported as follows

as follows:

There will be no river and harbor bill passed at the present session of Congress. The improvement of the Mississippi River from St. Louis to Chiro will go on under the direction of Major Thomas L. Casey, the money for this work having already been set aside through the efforts of the Business Men's League and the Merchants' Exchange, three years ago, when a continuous appropriation was then secured.

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The league during the year continued its active interest in the work of channel-makins, and actively aided other branches of river improvement. It has contributed money and advice to the plan of protecting property on the east side of the river from fleeds, and he east side of the true from fleeds, and he east side of the river from noods, and no heartily co-operated in the work of the Upper Mississippi River Improvement Association. Chi-cago has disulared energy in securing a repor-from the Mississippi River Commission with regard to deep water between Chicago and St. Louis. To this work the league has rendered regard to deep water between Chicago and St.
Louis. To this work the league has rendered
every assistance.
The importance to St. Louis and the whole
Mississippi Valley of provioling a sure and decchannel in the Mississippi River has been acented by the determination of the Government
to hasten the building of the Panama Canal.
Your committee farmly believes that the future of the river traffic is so promising that the
matter of river improvement deserves all the
effects and money that is being spent on it by
the league.

In addition to these reports an extension

In addition to these reports an extensive report was presented by Chairman W. P. Kennett of the St. Louis Traffic Bureau. This bureau has done more efficient work during the last year than at any time in the base on. It is a threat the state of the sta its history. It is supported jointly by the Business Men's Leugue and the Mer-

WEDS BOYHOOD SWEETHEART.

Soldier Wins Lieutenancy in Phil-

ippines While Fiancee Waits. A romance of the South resulted yesterday in the issuing of a marriage license to Lieutenant Church'll of Atlanta, Ga. and Miss Alice Buck of Atlanta, Ga. Behind the official statement that the order They were friends when they were chil-dren and when they were well along in their teens they become sweethearis. They were to be married, but the war with Spain came and Churchill became a midder.

tle went with his regiment to Cuba and won distinction and rapid promotion While he was performing the meritorious service that gained for him the rank of Lieutenant, his sweetheart was waiting at

When peace was declared Churchill en-listed in the regular army and was sent to the Philippines. He came back a Lleuten-ant, and four days ago Miss Buck and her mother came to the Epworth Hotel and the license for the marriage was granted

"Buster Brown" VISITS THE POPE

St. Louis Boy Receives Gold Med al From His Holiness in Private Audience.

New York, Jan. 17.-A private letter re ceived here from Rome, under date of January 3, tells of the following experience of a St. Louis boy at the Vatican: While his brother, in disposition, has been organizing pleasures for the poor children's Christmas, "Buster Brown"this time of St. Louis-has been crossing the Atlantic to visit the Holy Father. After giving a world of excitement and fun to all on board the liner, he got to Rome in the full swing of the jubilee, and, though armed with the Archbishop's letter, found that he might take possession of the Vatican, but could not see the Pope; or, rather, that he could see his Holiness often, but never alone.

A kindly prelate neiped "Buster" out of the difficulty, and thus afforded much en-

cessor of St. Peter, Pius IX and Benedict XIV not excepted. "We did not think the Holy Father

we did not think the Holy Father would very much like it," said one who had been a little alarmed, "but he enjoyed it immensely; in fact, he was delighted with the boy, and, rising, went to his drawer and gave "Buster" one of the largest and best gold medals, such as

SOUTH SIDE MERCHANTS JOIN MILLION CLUB.

Broadway Business Men and Man-

The South Broadway Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association joined the Million (Jub in a body last night at a meeting in Loebig's Hall, at Broadway and Gever avenue.

Members are enthusiastic over increas ing the population of the city, and pledged themselves to work to bring many new residents. A third bridge was also advocated as a recessary municipal improve-The annual election of officers was held.

The annual election of officers was held. Ben Westus was elected president, Oscar R. Fries first vice president, Otto Buder second vice president, Louis E. Kallwasser secretary, Jacob Albrecht treasurer and Max Rubenstein sergeant-at-arms. The following trustees were chosen: Gus Nischwitz, Charles Eilliartz and Moses Hartmann, Oscar R. Fries will represent the organization in the Million Club. Charles F. Zibold, president of the West End Business Men's Association, invited the members to the annual smoker of his the members to the annual smoker of his organization, which will be held at Northorganization, which will be held at North-west Turner Hall, at Easton and Vande-venter avenues, January 25.

Arrangements for the dress ball of the Merchants' Association at Concordia Tur-ner Hall, on the evening of February 8, were reported completed.

MANUFACTURERS RUN SHOW. New Arrangement for Automo-

bile Exhibition. EPUBLIC SPECIAL New York, Jun. 17.--For automobilists

generally the generation of the week, and probably of the year, was caused to-day by the announcement that a contract had been made with the Madison Square Gar-den Company under the terms of which the automobile shows of the future will be under the management and control of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manu-

a meeting of the Board of Managers of the association this morning. The board is composed of one representative of each of the thirty-nine big manufacturers who are

tion, said:
"The arrangement is simply the logical "The arrangement is simply the logical solution to the present conditions, which had become intolerable. The shows have become more congested and more heterogeneous each year, and this winner the importers, with their handsome cars and Paristan ideas of artistic setting, were forced, in self-defense, to hold a separate exhibition."

JUDGES WANT ROOF REPAIRED.

Regarding Courthouse. The leaking of the roof of the Courthouse, caused by the melting snow, induced Circuit Judges to address a communication to President Phillips of the According to the statutes of the City Board of Public Improvements, urging Charter, the Council has the right to conthe roof waterproof.

the roof waterproof.

No money is available for putting a new roof on the building, which is regarded as the proper thing to be done. It is said.

The present roof has been repaired several times. As fast as one break is mended, the roof will give way in another place. The roof is made of copper, and to put on a new copper roof would cost \$7.500, it is stated. It has been suggested that a composition roofing be used, but the officials controlling the matter are of the opinion that nothing but the best material should be used.

GEO. U. HEIMBURGER

Notifies Council That Commis sioner Was Found Guilty of Incompetency.

FOUR CANDIDATES FOR PLACE

Substitution in Plans After Con tracts Were Let Basis for Charges-Will Fight Dismissal.

MAYOR WELLS'S CHARGES AGAINST HEIMBURGER. (1) Allowing 63,000 pounds of ex-

cess steel in plans for Poorhouse to go out of his office to the Board of go out of his office to the Board of
 Public Improvements. Conferring with a subcontractor and delaying

 (2) Entertaining the substitution
 of concrete beans and columns at
 the Workherse for the solid steel
 structure. Assuming authority in • considering subcontracts and the • . delay incidental. (3) Authorizing the substitution of

enameled fron for solid polished • brass at the new City Hospital (4) Neglecting to levy a sufficient
 rebate after the substitution of solid cherry wood for veneered work at

 cherry wood for
 the Courthouse. • (5) Permitting paint to be substi- • tuted for the oiling of the spouts • (5) Permitting paint to be substi-• and dome of the Insane Asylum.

Building Commissioner George U. Helm burger, whose official conduct has been under lavestigation for some time past, yesterday was removed from office by Mayor Wells. The dismissal takes effect immediately.

Under the provisions of the City Charter it now becomes the duty of the Council to appoint Mr. Helmburger's successor. At a special meeting of the Council this after toon at 2:30 o'clock, to rush the Caron delet lighting contract through the Municipal Assembly, so that the city may have the new contract ready at the ex piration of the present agreement, the question of the deposed Commissioner's successor may be considered.

In his communication to the Council the Mayor states his removal of the Building Commissioner was in accordance with hi authority as specified under the City Charter and the Municipal Code. The transcript bearing the Mayor's decision was sent to the Council while that body was in session. It was read by the clerk. No action was taken.

The verdict was prepared in the office of the City Counselor yesterday afternoon and was finished just in time to have it sent to the Council. The decision follows:

REMOVED FOR INCOMPETENCY. To the Honorable Council of the City of St Louis: Gentlemen-I have the honor to trans mit to you the information that have this day removed from the office of Com missioner of Public Buildings the inci George U. Heimburger, upon the charge of official incompetency and gross official negli-

might appear at said time to defend himself

At said time said Commissioner of Public torneys, and evidence to support of said charges, and also in behalf of said Commis-sioner, was heard by me, which hearing exterded from day to day until completed on January 19, upon which day the trial and invustigation was concluded and arguments in be-

legal coursel.

Said matter was taken under advisement by me, and, after due deliberation, I find that the said charge is sustained by the testimony upon specification No. 1, clauses A. B and C specification No. 1, clauses A, B and C; specifirstion No. 8, specification No. 6 and specifi-cation No. 6, which specifications are fully set forth as hereto annexed. In pursuance of article 4, section 7, of the

Charter of St. Louis, I hereby notify you my said action. Respectfully,

Mayor of the city of St. Louis. COUNCIL TO APPOINT SUCCESSOR. The general charge made against Mr. Helmburger was official negligence in favoring substitute plans prepared by contractors for work at the Poorhouse and the Courthouse and other city institutions. with a consequential delay after the conthe work according to plans approved by the Board of Public Improvements.

Another charge against the Commission er was the recommendation of the substitution of enameled iron for the polished Hospital. He was also charged with falling properly to comply with the contracts on painting at the Insane Asylum and the work of renovating the Judges' desks and walls of the Courthouse.

These charges made against the Build-These charges made against the Build-The new turn of affairs was effected at ing Commissioner by Mayor Well's secretary, James G. McConkey, were sus-Mayor Wells was seen in his office after

> Council. He said: "The particular point which Mr. dwelt upon in his summing up was Mr. Heimburger's seal in the city's behalf in entertaining suggestions for higher class of work. In making that an argument in

his behalf it struck me as one of the

the verdict had been sent down to the

strong points of the case. "Had Mr. Heimburger shown this zeal before the contracts were let and signed and the work already started, there would Address Letter to City Officials undoubtedly be something commendable about the move. But the evidence shows that these matters were considered after the contracts were let.

"The appointment of Mr. Helmburger successor now devolves on the Council duct an investigation into the conduct of any elective municipal official and the Mayor to name his successor. With an appointive officer it is vice versa "I do not know who will be chosen to the unexpired term of Mr. Heimburger's

of the Courthouse job, has been reported as one of the candidates. William A. Lualso receiving some support for the position. It is understood that he will make an effort to land the place. Edward F. Noite, who was a prominent candidate for the office of Building Commissioner at the time of the Helmburger appointment, is also mentioned in connection with Mr. Heimburger's successor. Deputy Building Commissioner Smith's name is

also being considered in this connection Mr. Heimburger has been an architect in St. Louis for the past twenty years. He is a native Missourian, and is said to be an architect of ability by members of his profession. He was appointed to the position two years ago by Mayor Wells, at the instance of personal friends of the Mayor, it is said.

As forecasted some time ago, the attor neys representing Mr. Heimburger will apply for a writ of certiorari this morning in the Circuit Court. It is their intention to proceed along the lines of the defense in the famous Reed case. Reed was dismissed from office by the Mayor. He sued for a writ of ceritorari on the grounds that the verdict was not supported by the testimony. The case was reviewed by Judge Valliant, then on the Circuit bench. and now a member of the Supreme Court and the Mayor's decision was reversed. Judge Valliant was upheld by the findings of the Supreme Court.

Lawyer A. M. Frumberg, one of Mr. that the question would be carried to the take this week. highest courts. He said:

DECLARE VERDICT UNWARRANTED "We shall apply for this writ this morn ing on the grounds that Mayor Wells had no right in law to render a decision defining a substantial right; that the findings of the Mayor were not supported by the evidence adduced at the hearing, and that he acted directly in opposition to the constitutional rights of the Commissioner in acting as Judge, jury and prosecutor "Mr. McConkey, as the Mayor's secre tary, of course, cannot do anything without the approval of his chief, to whom he is responsible.

"Frankly, the verdict was a surprise t us. There was not sufficient evidence to warrant such a verdict. We will proceed along lines defined by a precedent familia; to people of this city-the Reed case, and believe that the Mayor's decision will no stand the reviewing of either the Circuit or the Supreme Court."

DENTISTS MEET AT ANNUAL BANQUET

Doctor George A. Bowman Relates Some Reminiscences of Forty Years of Practice Here.

Forty members of the Fraternal Denta Society met in annual banquet last night at the Hotel Jefferson, the affair being the second in the life of the organization. At the close of an elaborate menu, the following toasts were given in response to the calls of Toastmaster Doctor Burton Lee Thorne: "The Fraternal Deutel So clety." Doctor Biward Everett Haver stick; "Reminiscences," Dector George A. Bowman; "Enthusiasm," Doctor Sam T. Bassett; "Dental Education," Doctor A. H. Fuller, read by Doctor Earnest P. Dameron; "The Simple Life," Doctor S. H Voyles: "Our Friends in Foreign Lands."
Doctor D. O. M. LeCron; "The Missouri State Board of Dantal Examiners." Doctor S. C. A. Rubey; "The Idealist." Doctor Edward H. Angle; and "The Fourth International Dental Congress and Its Influence." Doctor William Conrad.

Doctor Bowman's teast, "Reminis-

ficial incompetency and gross official negligence, by virtue of the authority in me vested, and the duty imposed upon me as Mayor of the city of St. Louis, by article 4, section 5, of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and under Municipal Code section No. 1694.

The causes of said removal are official incompetency and gross official negligence of the said Commissioner of Public Buildings.

The charge and gross official negligence of the said Commissioner of Public Buildings.

The charge with the specifications in detail under such charge are hereto attached and made a part hereof, and incorporated herein.

I beg further to say that these charges and specifications were preferred to me and entertained by me, and that the said Commissioner was notified in writing thereof, and he was informed more than ten days in advance that the said charges and specifications would be investigated on January 3, 1995, and that he might appear at said time to defend himself.

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"There were about thirty-five or forty dentisia in St. Louis in 1865. Most of them were in residences on Fourth and Fifth streets. Twelve or fifteen of these dentists were a credit to their profession. But processes and methods were personal property, and, as such, were guarded as the 'holy of holles.'

"On January 15, 1865, I opened a modest office at No. 260 Broadway. Broadway was then quite a retired street. It was so retiring that I remember that not a patient penetrated the atmosphere of my office for the first three weeks.

"About this time the Missouri Dental College was founded, and we began the process of making dentists and turning them out as rapidly as possible. The requirements were weak in comparison to those of to-day, and a man didn't know whether he was fit for a dentist until he had practiced a few years. Some of the candidates were good and some were not."

In continuing his "Reminiscences," Dector Bowman dwelt upon his associations with Toctors W. Elmes, the Hales, father and son, H. S. Chase, Keith Fisher and others.

tracts had been let for the execution of BRYAN ELECTED CHAIRMAN. Becomes Head of the Board of Trustees of Illinois College.

Jacksonville, Ill., Jan. 17.-W. J. Bryan was here to day in conference with the trustees of Elinois College. He was made a member and elected chairman of the

Board of Trustees. The trustees were in session most of the day.

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DELIVERY FOR WHOLE YEAR. Mexico, Mo., Stockman Buys Hogs for Future Shipment.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Mexico, Mo., Jan. 17 -- A deal in hoge that has attracted much attention among stockmen was recently consummated between G. E. Sims and Henry Gant, both living four miles west of this city.

Mr. Sims is to pay Mr. Gant Si cents a pound for a load of home to be delivered once each month during the present year, delivery to be made between the first and fifteenth of each month.

The outcome of the unique deal is The outcome of the unique deal watched with interest by hog shippers.

Via Illinois Central, January 2 and 2, returning January 2. Write C. C. McCarty, D. P. A., St. Louis, Mo., for particulars.

\$18.26, New Orleans and Return,

of the Courthouse job, has been reported as one of the candidates. William A. Lucas, architect for the Mullanphy Board, is BURNED TO DEATH

Miss Hattle Williams, a Nurse, Lost Her Life, While Girl Patient Is Convalescing.

FRIENDS TO GO WITH BODY.

Woman's Skirts Swept Coals and Were Ignited-Was Graduated From Bethesda Hospital and Lived in Canada.

Death in one of its cruelest forms has prevented a trip to her home in Gait. Ontario, which Miss Hattle Williams, a muse Helmburger's attorneys, stated last night at the Bethesda Hospital, had planned to

> Instead, Miss Williams's body will be taken home by her friends, the Min Mary Raymond and Margaret Concelli also nurses, as soon as the Coroner has completed the inquest to be held to-day. At the home of S. O. Merrill, No. 600 Castleman avenue, Monday, Miss Williams was so badly turned that death relieved her sufferings in the Bethesda Hospital

> yesterday morning. Miss Williams was nursing a daughter of Mr. Merriil, who was ill. While in the room with her patient Miss William

> turned her back to a grate. The skirt swept the coals and was innited. Almost instantly Miss Williams was enveloped in flames. She ran into the half screaming, the fire quickly eating through the nurse's uniform of light material into

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Mr. Merrill was just about to enter the room. He grasped the nurse and attempted to throw her to the floor to roll her over and extinguish the flames.

Miss Williams fought frantically and tore away from her would-be rescuer. Mr. Merrill, although his hands were painfully burned, again grabbed her, and Mrs. Merrill, who had clutched a blanket from a bed, ran to his assistance.

Together Mr. and Mrs. Merrill managed to extinguish the flames, but too late to prevent the fatal burning of the nurse.

An ambulance was summoned and Miss Williams was hurried to the Betheada, Hospital, from which she had been graduated as a nurse. Dector E. W. Saunders, assisted by other physicians, did all in their power to save the patient's life, but to no avail.

WAS GRADUATED HERE.

WAS GRADUATED HERE Miss Williams came to St. Louis three years ago to take the nurses' course at the Bethesda Hospital. She was graduated a few months ago and had been living in the hospital, taking cases in families. She had not visited her home in Ontario since coming to St. Louis, and had just completed all arrangements to depart to-morrow for Galt, as her putient. Miss Mer-rill, was convalescing and would not need her services after that time. The nurse was 29 years old and had many friends who had been patients at the hospital, and for whom she had cared

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD BRIDE BRINGS SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

since being graduated.

Says Husband, Whom She Married Last September, Tried to Whip Her With a Rope.

Lee Hutchinson, who is but 16 ; and was married September 22 last, filed terday, charging that her husband, John W. Hutchinson, struck her in the face and tried to whip her with a rope. He was prevented by her mother, she states, The marriage took place at Jellico, Tenn., and they went to Louisville, Ky., to live. He left her December 30, and has failed to support her, she alleges. She lived in St. Louis with her mothe before the marriage, and met her husband

while on a visit to Tennessea. Louanner Havener sued George T. Havoner for divorce yesterday and for half of property at No. 2515 North Eleventh street. She alleges that he drank and abused her and failed to support her. She asks for the custody of their child.

Alta M. Bennett allegen that she was but 17 years old when she was married, May 22, 1890, and that she inherited some money. Her husband, William J. Bennett, did not work and she gave him money, she states. He induced her to cell her home at Worden, Ill., which was given to her by her mother, she states. She and her husband separated in Beptamber, IMA. She asks for the custody of their child. Chara V. Selleck allegue that her husband, Jerome B. Selleck, was indolent and spent money betting on horse races. He failed to support her, slapped her and tore her clothes, she allegue.

Other divorce suits flied yesterday were; Louise A. Besse against Harry J. Besse and Mary L. Goodlett against Charles B. Goodlett, alleged failure to support heing charged in each case. money, she states. He induced her to sell

ALLEGED STRIKERS ARRESTED.

Former Employes of Trunk Fac tory Suspected of Assault,

Patrolmen Lane, Henneberry and Per ell were called to the P. C. Murphy Creak factory at Third and St. Charles street at 5:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon to agree several former employee of the factory who had congregated in the street. They are suspected of being implicated in an are suspected of being implicated in an assault upon workmen employed in the factory Monday afternoon.

They arrested Joseph Sommer, 23 years old, living at No. 1888 Blair avenue, Michael Litta, 25, living at No. 1886 Chouteau avenue; William Vorwold, 25 years old, living at No. 214 North Teath street, and Henry Sterel, 25 years old, living at No. 1814 Franklin avenue, all trink-makers.

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Springfield, Ill., Jan Il.—Articles of incorporation were filed to-day by the Rocks
Island, Moline and Davenport Suburban
Railway Company. The principal effice is
located at Rock Island and the capital
stock is 55.00. The object is to operate
an electric line between the cities of Rock
Island and Moline, Ill. The incorporators
and first board of directors are; August
E. Steffen and C. G. Hipwell of Davenport, Ia; John W. Green, Stewart Spain
ding and William A. Rawson of Chicago,
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Will. FIGHT DISMISSAL

Several names have been suggested for Building Commissioner. Superintendent O'Keefe, one of the superintendents under the Longfellow regime and director and three children living in Sunday, and is believed to have a widow and three children living in Sunday, and is believed to have a superintendent.